



AFTERMATH OF BLAST: Benton Township Fireman Dick Hanner, 31, lies swathed in bandages, but listed in satisfactory condition at Mercy hospital Monday, after being burned in explosion while battling a house fire. Hanner was caught in explosion during blaze at 250 Felton avenue. Also burned, but released from hospital after treatment, was Fireman Phillip Connell, 29. Ironically, Hanner and Connell are among five township firemen slated to be laid off later this month under financial austerity program. Layoffs are based on seniority. (Staff photo)

Explosion Burns Benton Firemen

Pair Scheduled For Layoffs

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Two Benton township firemen, earmarked for lay-offs under a financial austerity program, received extensive burns Monday from an explosion in a burning home.

Firemen Dick Hanner, 31, and Phillip Connell, 29, were fighting the fire in a home at 250 Felton avenue, when a gaseous smoke build-up exploded. Fire Chief Kenneth Kraiger said, Kraiger said both men were propelled from the kitchen, through a rear doorway. They both landed outside.

Hanner was admitted to Mercy hospital with first and second degree burns about the arms, legs, head and neck. He was reported by a hospital spokesman to be in satisfactory condition.

Connell also was rushed to Mercy hospital, where he was treated for burns about the legs and neck. He was then released.

The home, owned by Robert Freeman, burned to the ground. None of the occupants was home when the fire was reported by an area resident at 10:55

a.m. Chief Kraiger said Hanner and Connell, both fulltime firemen, were on the first truck to



PHILLIP CONNELL
Also Burned

arrive at the scene and had been there for about 20 minutes when the explosion occurred. Kraiger said the fire was nearly under control at that time. He said high winds and diversion of activities to get the injured firemen to the hospital enabled flames to continue spreading.

Kraiger said the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but it appeared to have started in the basement and spread upward through the walls.

Freeman said he was at work at Bendix Corp. Hydraulics division plant and his two children who reside with him were in school. Freeman is reported to be a widower. Freeman said the house and contents were insured.

Commenting on the proposed lay-offs because of a shortage of money in township coffers, Kraiger said Hanner and Connell would be among five affected. This is because they are among those with the least amount of service time. Kraiger said Hanner has served the department about three years, while Connell has been with it two years.

CONCERN VOICED

Concern over the fire Monday was voiced by Kraiger, who said the first truck at the scene included only one volunteer. Kraiger said the department has 16 full time firemen, and many volunteers. According to Kraiger, the inability of volunteers to catch the first fire truck sent to fires has been a problem. He said volunteers arrive in larger numbers on second or third trucks sent, and in private cars. The first minutes of battling a fire are of greatest importance, Kraiger said, adding that the lay-offs would endanger the community. Kraiger termed the austerity measure "politics".

Plans to lay off firemen and police department employees have swept the Benton Harbor and Benton township communities, as governing boards have said money is short.

Kraiger said four trucks and a total of 15 men fought the Felton avenue fire Monday.

Calley Case Nearing End

FT. BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Only three men, two facing court-martial for My Lai massacre, are to be called after today as witnesses in the four-month-old trial of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

The case could go to the combat-experienced jury as early as next Tuesday, the third anniversary of Charlie Company's bloody assault on My Lai.

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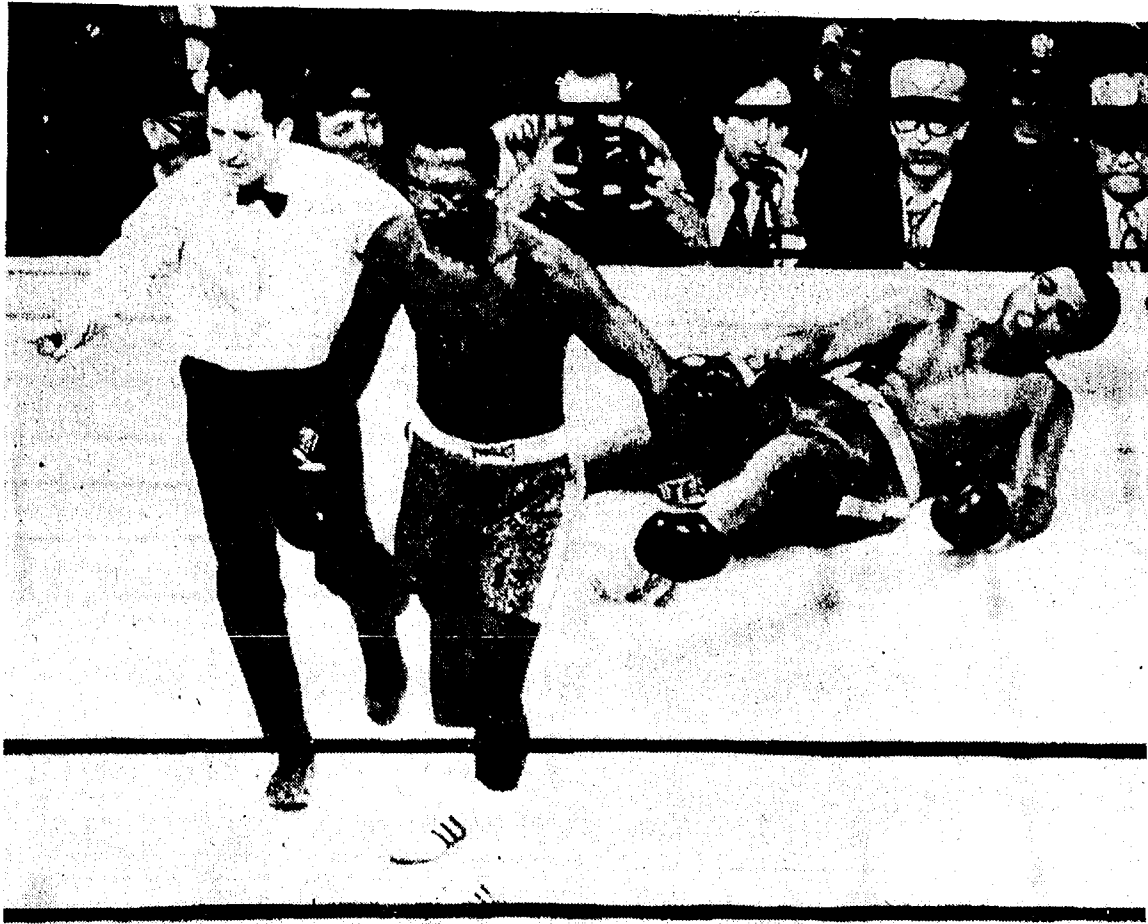
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BENTON HOME DESTROYED: A cloud of fire and smoke is driven by high winds as Benton township firemen wage futile battle to save home of Robert Freeman, 250 Felton avenue. Home was burned to ground Monday and two firemen, Dick Hanner, 31, and Phillip Connell, 29, were injured. Both received burns when explosion of gaseous smoke ignited while they were in kitchen, fighting fire. Hanner was hospitalized, and Connell was treated and released. (Staff photo)

FRAZIER'S 'GREAT ONE'

No Mecca For Muhammad



FINAL ROUND: Referee Arthur Mercante, left, directs heavyweight champion Joe Frazier to neutral corner as Muhammad Ali lies sprawled on canvas after being knocked down in the 15th round of title

fight Monday night. Frazier was unanimously declared the winner. See details in sports section. (AP Wirephoto)

Abortion Reform Returns For Action In Legislature

LANSING (AP)—Abortion reform legislation was reported unexpectedly to the floor of the Michigan Senate late Monday and backers said they hoped for action by week's end.

The bill, approved 3-1 by the Senate Committee on Health, Social Services and Retirement, would allow a woman resident to obtain an abortion for any reason during the first four lunar months — about 112 days — of her pregnancy.

After that time, the operation would be allowed only to save the life of the mother. The operation could be performed legally only by a licensed physician or osteopath in a hospital or facility licensed by the State Department of Public Health.

DEFEATED BEFORE

The bill, similar to the one defeated last year in the Senate after long and emotion-ridden debate, was a substitute for a measure introduced by Sen. Gil-

bert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor.

The committee approved one significant change from Bursley's original bill, eliminating the proposed 90-day minimum residency requirement. The bill now stipulates only that a woman must be a resident of the state to qualify for a legal abortion.

Senate Health Committee Chairman Alvin Degrow, R-Pigeon, said a woman might, therefore, qualify for a legal

abortion if she had been in the state for a shorter time than the 90 days previously suggested.

Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, the only committee member voting against reporting the bill, said residency had been defined in state law as the place where a person "habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects and has a regular place of lodging."

The bill also includes no provision for consent of the hus-

band or father—a stipulation that several senators called for before defeat of reform legislation last year.

Bursley said he expected many amendments would be offered during senate debate on the bill and indicated that "there is room for compromise on some points."

The bill before the senate includes clauses protecting doctors. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

SOUTH HAVEN

Horse Racing Track Denied State Okay

By TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — A proposal to construct a \$2 million pari-mutuel horse racing track in South Haven township has been rejected by the state racing commissioner.

Commissioner Leo Shirley Monday rejected the request of the South Haven Racing Association by citing the need to expand facilities and programs at existing tracks.

"I believe at this time that it would not be in the best interest of horse racing in Michigan to expand existing facilities and programs," Shirley wrote in a letter to South Haven Attorney Ray Barrett who is counsel for the racing association.

"I say this primarily because of the action taken recently in expanding the racing program at existing tracks," he continued.

"In my judgment expansion of this sport must be predicated upon sound evaluation of ongoing activities. Until such time as we are able to review and evaluate the effect of our expanded program it would be unwise to authorize additional facilities."

The idea of a pari-mutuel horse track in South Haven was proposed last summer by local restaurant owner Abe Ashen and Maxine and Paul Beebe of Kalamazoo.

Voters in South Haven township approved an advisory vote on the issue in an election last August. Members of the Van Buren county commission also adopted a resolution favoring the proposal.

"Shirley is saying that if there is to be any expansion of horse racing, it will be at existing tracks," Barrett said. "He says he is expanding programs at those tracks in 1971 and is not interested in any more expansion."

Ashen told this newspaper

Pushing Safeguard

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration proposed today a limited expansion of the Safeguard antimissile system "to enhance the chances" for an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union.

that he was "surprised" by the decision not only because of its negative answer, but because of the timing.

"We didn't know that this matter had been considered to a point of reaching a decision," Ashen said.

MET INFORMALLY

Persons promoting the location of a track in the South Haven area met informally on several occasions with the racing commissioner, but no formal hearings were ever held.

The state racing commissioner recently authorized an addi-

tional 138 added dates at Michigan's three horse tracks.

South Haven reportedly was one of three areas seeking a new horse track. The others are located in the Flint area.

The proposed horse track would have been located near M-140 and the Interstate 196 highway.

Ashen said his group would appeal the decision. Attorney Barrett explained that the association could take one of two routes—appeal the decision to the circuit court or re-submit the application with new or additional data.



TELEPHONITIS CURE: Mrs. Philip Cole of Pine Township near Pittsburgh looks pleased with her telephonitis cure — a pay telephone in her downstairs bathroom. It is the only phone in the area with hot and cold running water, and it saves on her phone bill.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Mandatory Vehicle Inspection Studied

Four years ago the Michigan Legislature put into effect a random check lane program to reduce the number of defective vehicles on state highways. Last year under this program, 187,000 vehicles were checked in roadside inspections, and only about 30 percent were considered safe.

State police found more than 6,000 cars hazardous. But these findings resulted in only traffic citations for the owners. There is no police authority requiring drivers of defective cars to get them repaired. So weak are Michigan vehicle laws that a car without bumpers, seat belts, windshield and with its doors wired on or with an exposed gas tank is not in violation.

As a result of such weaknesses, several legislators are proposing various types of periodic compulsory inspection may cause a hardship on poor people. And the Automobile Club of Michigan insists that periodic motor vehicle inspections are simply an inconvenience for the motoring public, that its own studies indicate defects play a small role in accident frequency or deaths.

But other safety organizations, repair industry groups and auto insurers claim the opposite. In California, for example, state

troopers reported that mechanical deficiency was directly responsible for 6.4 percent of fatal accidents. Thirty one states and the District of Columbia already have compulsory inspection.

Most observers feel it would be prohibitively expensive for the state of Michigan itself to open government-run inspection stations. But there is a fear that private service stations or car dealers, licensed by the state, might take advantage of the motoring public.

Secretary of State Richard Austin has proposed expansion of the present state police random check lane program and mandatory inspection of used cars and commercial vehicles. He suggests a gradual phase-in, mandatory inspection of all commercial vehicles, and for used cars before they could be sold.

A drive to reduce exhaust pollutants may be worked into the program, if some legislators have their way. As the gasoline company ads say, an untuned engine puts out four or five times the amount of pollutants that a tuned engine does. But more new legislation would be necessary before exhaust pollution can be curbed. Michigan does not now have an exhaust emission law.

Shifting Winds In France

French voters go to the polls on Sunday and on the following Sabbath, March 21, in two-part elections to select municipal officials.

Though without direct bearing on the Gaullist control of Parliament, these local decisions are regarded as showing which way the wind is blowing for the stability as represented by the departed national hero of World War II.

The solidity that was Charles de Gaulle's greatest legacy to France is showing the strains of political, economic and social unrest. Three months after de Gaulle's death at the age of 79, the mood of the nation is uncertain and tense. Deep seated divisions are surfacing even in the ruling Gaullist movement.

The ferment has brought to an end what LeMondre called "one of the flat, grey, spiritless periods which seem to mark a halt in the history of a generally unstable people." Within recent weeks, strikes have forced the state TV and radio networks off the air. There have been postal, air transport and mining walk-outs. Farmers have demonstrated against competition from Common Market agricultural products. Small shopkeepers are angry as supermarkets crowd them out.

Although radical students are not as strong as they were in May, 1968 when they almost toppled the government, the young are restive. The government's reaction has been to use force, prompting the London Economist to observe: "The atmosphere of this battle is thoroughly ugly: repression and provocation, violence and counter-violence."

Despite the unrest, the Gaullist government of President Georges Pompidou is firmly in control. He has five years of his seven-year term still ahead of him. France's foreign policy, although less attention grabbing

than that of West Germany, has been scoring solid gains. Relations with such diverse nations as the United States, Red China and the Soviet Union are on the upswing.

At home, the nation is enjoying continued prosperity, although that prosperity is menaced by chronic inflation. There is considerable concern, however, over whether the government's economic austerity program will push the nation into a recession. The government has cut back on social spending.

Labor unions remain skeptical of official promises to build a "new society" that would lessen class barriers and produce more social mobility. The feeling is that this pledge is giving way to less heady tinkering with the system. The government has taken steps to reduce the stranglehold of Paris over the provinces, but critics such as Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, secretary-general of the Radical Party, denounced the regime for its cautious approach.

General de Gaulle was supported by a wide spectrum of popular opinion, while Pompidou has a narrower base. His support comes primarily from middle class Frenchmen, who value law and order and distrust too rapid change.

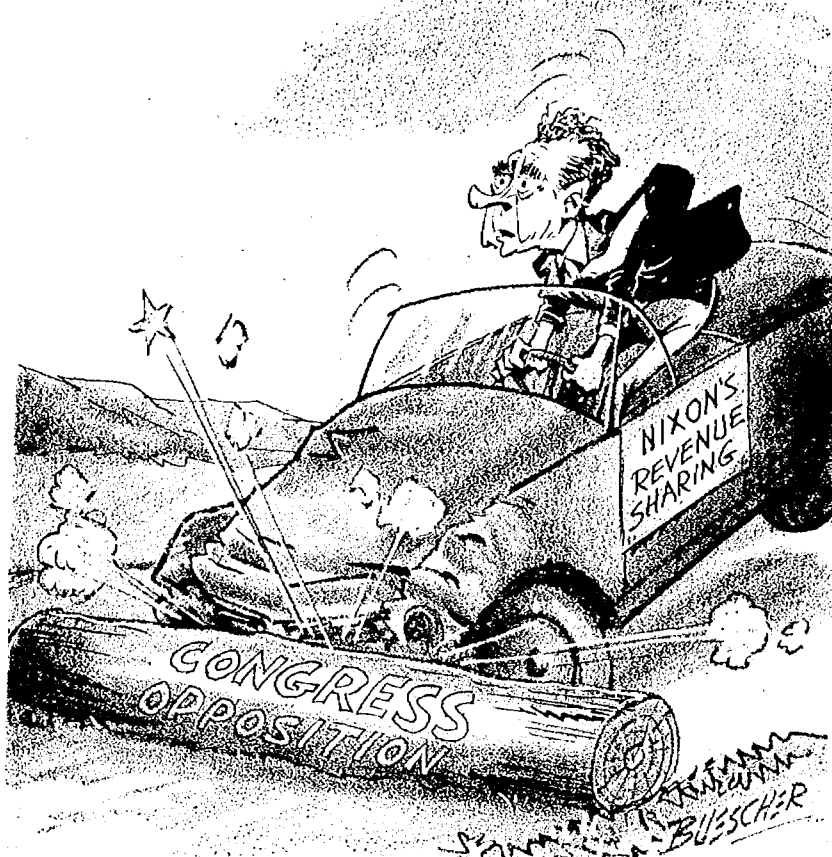
Apart from Servan-Schreiber's organization and the Communists, who year in and year out are sure of 20 per cent of the vote, the left wing non-Gaullist parties are in disarray. They predicted that de Gaulle's disappearance would "open up the future" to them. So far, however, they have been unable to create a cohesive alternative to Gaullism.

In the wake of the stormy events of May 1968, John Ardagh wrote in The New French Revolution (1969) that the French have only recently discovered they are living in a new world. "The special conflicts and contrasts between old and new are sharper than almost anywhere else; and it is not always easy to tell whether France is transforming fundamentally, or only its style and mood." The nationwide municipal elections are being viewed as a test vote on the way the French political winds are blowing.

Drivers in Rome often double park illegally on side streets, leaving their cars with self appointed attendants who rearrange and guard the vehicles day and night, National Geographic says.

The Mississippi river daily carries more than two million tons of sediment into the Gulf of Mexico, enough to load 40,000 freight cars.

Log Rolling



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ORDINANCE ON AGENDA

Grand Mere association backers called for support of a mineral removal ordinance in residential areas that is on the agenda of the Lincoln township board meeting.

The ordinance is up for adoption at the meeting in the township hall, Stevensville,

according to Don Galloway of 3795 Peace street, Stevensville. Galloway, the president of the Grand Mere association, said the proposed ordinance is aimed mostly at sand mining. He added that the association is seeking the strong ordinance to completely block out sand removal in any residential area.

ST. JOSEPH HUMILES BENTON HARBOR QUINT

St. Joseph's Bears are once again tilters of the Tigers, and it's doubtful that the basketball teams of Harry Lee and Bill Perigo ever conceived anything as dramatic in the good old days as what took place at the Colfax gym.

From Scottdale to Twelve Corners, they know by now that the Bears defeated the Tigers, 61-57, in overtime to stay alive in perilous Class A tournament play. Word of this engagement also has reached other sectors of the state, but only 3,200 persons actually lived it and perhaps died a little as the event occurred.

FINAL ACTION IS RUSHED ON

A prompt presidential request for funds to speed aid to Britain under the lease-lend program was forecast at the White House today by legislative leaders.

After conferring with President Roosevelt, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, and Vice President Wallace, Speaker Rayburn said: "The president probably on Wednesday, if the bill is signed tomorrow night, will send up some estimates. They will be for cash and contract authorization."

POLLUTION

Less water is being pumped now by the outmoded waterworks than at any time in the past four years City Manager H. G. Crow told members of the city commission last night. The slump in the amount of water being pumped at this time is attributed to the poor quality of the water here during the last two months.

TO GIVE PARTY

The girls' gymnasium classes will give a party tomorrow at.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

The trouble with this month of March, with its unstable weather, is that it almost invariably comes in like a lion and then, too often, forgets to go out like a lamb.

The first robin to be sighted in spring gets all the publicity. All the second one gets is a chance of being frost-bitten.

As our sports ed sees it, the coach of a losing hockey team is certainly skating on thin ice.

The Colorado River's Grand Canyon is 217 miles long, from four to 18 miles wide and about a mile deep — nature item. No matter how you look at it — that's truly grand!

After watching those skyscraper cage stars in action, it's obvious there's no shortage of basketball players.

It's estimated 19 million Americans play the piano — Factograph item. Hard to believe but there it is — in black and white.

According to a trainer of thoroughbreds, a race horse is extra sensitive to cold. Maybe that's why, complains Betcha Dollar Dennis, the nags he puts a wager on never breeze home in the stretch.

In Dunstable, England, a law clerk was fined for reckless driving when a cop spotted him reading his office correspondence as he drove along a highway. From now on, no doubt, this conscientious clerk will do his home work at home.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Pastor Dalrymple ascended his pulpit one Sunday morning with a plaster covering half his chin. "I was so intent on making my sermon effective," he explained as his congregation filed out of the church, "that I cut myself shaving."

"Next time," spoke up an unfeeling member, who had dozed conspicuously through the pastor's long, long oration, "may I suggest that you keep your mind on your shaving and cut your sermon."

A movie tycoon, relaxing at his California beach house late one night by watching a TV show taped previously in New York, was so impressed by the dialogue thereof that he picked up the phone and dialed his long-suffering assistant in Westchester and ordered, "Get that fellow signed up to whip that expensive new story of ours into shape." "But, Boss," protested the assistant weakly, "it's now 3:30 a.m. Eastern Time. He's probably sound asleep."

"Get him out of bed," commanded the imperious tycoon,



then added, "but whatever you do, don't let him get the impression that we're anxious!"

Harry Cotton, superb British golf champion in the 1930's, and still teaching hackers the rudiments of the game, is a leading exponent of the go-up-and-hit-it school. Club-wagging before a shot as essayed by a player is anathema to him. He constantly reminds pupils that "a golfer and his waggle are not soon parted."

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

I am 18 and get nervous when I have to face or talk to anyone. My words come out so soft that people have to say "What?" — which intimidates me more. I get the shakes and perspire profusely when I have to recite in school. This reduces my comprehension markedly and interferes with my study.

My parents say that I will get over this. Please, is there anything that can be done about this medically? I have no medical doctor.

Miss A. W. Calif.

Dear Miss W.: I reprint your letter almost in its entirety because it so meaningfully and probably expressing what thousands of other young people feel but are too shy to articulate.

In the first place, you are being deprived because you have no medical doctor to whom you can speak openly about this problem. In your large city, there are dozens of excellent psychotherapists and psychologists who, with your doctor's recommendation, could be a great help to you. Some of them may even use hypnosis to better understand and treat your insecurity.

Hypnosis, a remarkable addition to psychological guidance, is used with great effectiveness by those specially trained in its delicate art. The results can be exceedingly gratifying.

The second phase of your problem revolves around your parents' belief that "you will get over this." Hope springs eternal in the human breast,

but often that hope and their good wishes delay seeking and finding the help you need. Parents, steeped in their love for you, very often wear parental blinders that keep them from acknowledging any possible deficiency in their children.

This is not a criticism of parents. Rather it is offered to give you better insight into their devotion and their thinking.

Occasionally, some parents take it as a personal insult if the suggestion is made that their child needs psychotherapy. This attitude should not exist in a world that now knows that a psychological problem is no different from a physical one. Both must, without shame or stigma, be handled early.

Discuss your problem again with your parent and I am sure that they, with greater understanding, will help you find both the doctor and the psychotherapist who will give you the emotional support you need.

Many of my readers will be thankful to you for so clearly stating one of the problems of the young adult. Your expression of that problem is the first step toward recovery.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Anti-allergy drugs often cause drowsiness. Test them before driving an automobile or working at a drill press or any potentially hazardous occupation.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A 8 5 4	♥	A K 9 7 2
♦	K 10 5	♣	
WEST			
♠	K 7	♥	Q 9 8 6
♦	J 10 9	♣	K Q 7 3 2
♠	Q 10 4	♥	J 3
♦	9 7 6 3 2	♣	J 8
SOUTH			
♠	A J 10 5 4 2	♥	6
♦	5	♣	8 6 5
♠	A Q 4	♥	

The bidding:			
North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Dear Mr. Becker: We had a heated argument in our group about this hand where South was in four spades. Declarer won the heart lead with the ace, played a spade to the ace, and a low spade back, won by West with the king. Declarer later lost a spade to the queen and a diamond trick but he wound up making four spades.

The disagreement was over whether South played the spades right or whether he was just lucky. Shouldn't he have finessed the ten of spades at trick two? I realize he would

have gone down had he done this, but wouldn't that be the winning play in the long run? Sincerely yours, Constant Reader.

The answer is that South played the hand correctly. Problems of this type are subject to exact computation. Since declarer's chief aim is to avoid the loss of more than two trump tricks, he starts out by eliminating from consideration all spade holdings where the play of either the ten or the ace is immaterial.

If the trumps are divided 3-3, declarer makes the contract by either method of play. If they are divided 6-0 or 5-1, he cannot make the contract by any method of play. All these distributions are therefore left out of the reckoning.

The only pertinent hands are those where trumps are divided 4-1, and West has the doubleton.

West's doubleton can be K-9, K-8, K-7, Q-9, Q-8, Q-7, Q-6 (in which case the ace play wins), or it can be 9-8, 9-7, 9-6, 8-7, 8-6, 7-6 (in which case the ten play wins). The only other doubleton case, where West has the K-Q, is not relevant because either play wins.

Since there are right cases where the ace play wins, and only six where the ten play wins, it is better to play the ace, followed by a low spade.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — Who said "We have met the enemy and they are ours?"
- 2 — What is a group of different atoms called?
- 3 — What name is given to an era in Greek history famous for its achievements in science and the arts?
- 4 — From what is linen made?
- 5 — Who wrote "Lord Jim"?

YOUR FUTURE

Your stars warn you to be careful in making any investments. Today's child will be highly intelligent.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE
PATRIMONY — (P A T - r i m o n i e) — noun, an estate inherited from one's father or ancestors.

BORN TODAY
The clothes of fashion designer Andre Courreges have been perhaps the most influential on the world of the couture since the "New Look" of Christian Dior.

Andre Courreges' first collections introduced ultra-short skirts, perfectly cut geometrically constructed dresses and mid-calf white boots. Since 1967 he has designed for haute couture and for Couture Future, his ready-to-wear collections through licensed agents. Courreges' revolutionary

styles for the lunar age are intended for the youthful woman who lives in a fast pace, dislikes fuss, and relishes wit in her fashions.

He was born in 1923 in Pau, France, in the Basque Pyrenees. His father, a head butler in a wealthy British home, was highly suspicious of artistic professions.

Although he achieved some success in engineering, his father's preference, he went to work in a small fashion house in 1948 at the age of 25.

He joined the house of Cristobal Balenciaga, the fashion designer, as a presser for \$25 a month. In 11 years, he became first assistant to Balenciaga.

He left Balenciaga with his patriarchal master's blessing in 1961. Not until his winter collection for the 1963-64 season did his own ideas finally come to the fore.

His now famous pants were praised by fashion critics and he soon became one of the best courtiers in Paris.

The "Pisces" of the Paris couture, one fashion writer labeled him. In an attempt to control his styles, he refused for several seasons to show his styles until he gained control over his own designs.

Others born today include Bobby Fischer, Eddie Foy and Amerigo Vespucci.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1 — Oliver Hazard Perry.
2 — Molecule.
3 — Golden Age of Pericles.
4 — Flax.
5 — Joseph Conrad.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1971

Twin City
News

GOP Captures All Offices In Stevensville

Republicans captured every office in Stevensville's village election Monday, keystoneing the victory by selecting Arthur Kasewurm as president over incumbent Conrad Stampohar.



ARTHUR KASEWURM



BERNICE
SCHOENFELDER



RICHARD JOCHIM

A total of 283 voters, more than two-thirds the village's total registration, also voted 207 to 66 to sell the village water system to Berrien county.

27 VOTE MARGIN

In the president's race, Kasewurm polled 153 votes to Stampohar's 126, a margin of 27 votes.

Incumbent Clerk Bernice Schoenfelder, R, received 187 votes to win over Mrs. Edna Zandarski, D, with 92 votes.

Voters favored three more Republicans in contests for two-year trustee terms on the village council: incumbent B. W. Yaskie with 175 votes; Charles Kerlikowski, 160 votes; and George Ritter, 150 votes.

Unsuccessful Democrat candidates for the jobs were: incumbent Richard Zandarski, 93 votes; Richard Kramer, 117 votes; and Emil W. Dehring, 98 votes.

Unopposed candidates were: for treasurer, Richard Jochim, R, 194 votes; and incumbent Assessor Arnold Ratter, R, 195 votes.

The village's new president, Kasewurm is 52 years old, a resident of the village for nine years. He owns ABC General Machine and Tool company, Stevensville.

He and his wife, Doris, reside at 205 Kimmel street.

Stampohar had served as village president two years after unseating James Small in 1969 with a successful write-in campaign.

Mrs. Schoenfelder, was appointed clerk in January to replace veteran clerk Fred Albrecht Jr., who resigned.

Her challenger, Mrs. Zandarski, is currently the village treasurer. She declined nomination for re-election to that job to seek the clerk post.

The newly-elected trustees join three other Republican incumbents whose terms expire in 1972: Robert Storch, Charles Koch and Duane Nolan.

Incumbent Trustee Charles Eversole, whose term is currently expiring, did not seek re-election.

CLEAR THE WAY

Approval of the sale of its water system clears the way for the village's membership into the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewer Authority, and subsequent connection to St. Joseph's water system.

A provision of the sale is that after the bonded indebtedness is paid off in about 26 years, the ownership of the water system will revert to the village.

Lawton Seeks Renewal

LAWTON — The school board voted to seek renewal of a 12 mill tax levy on property in the regular school election set for June 14.

The levy makes up almost half of the district's current tax rate.

In other action, the board rescinded July 1970 decisions to pay the board's secretary, \$75

and the treasurer \$50 a year for their services and a companion decision setting the member rate for special meetings at \$15. The action followed a report that the board, by law, could not set salaries for its existing members.

The board accepted the resignation of Ronald Mulvaney, an industrial arts teacher and varsity basketball coach.



ACCREDITATION CEREMONY: Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce officials formally received plaque signifying accreditation by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at ceremonies hosted by the Twin City Rotary club yesterday at the St. Joseph Elks club. From left are: Stanley Petzel, chamber vice president who directed accreditation report; Lester C. Tiscornia,

program chairman; Walter Laetz, president of the local Chamber; Charles H. Smith, Jr., Cleveland, U. S. Chamber vice president who presented plaque of accreditation; Roger Curry, executive vice president of local Chamber; Robert Van Ausdall and David Major, Chicago, regional representatives of the U. S. Chamber. (Staff Photo)

ON PROPOSED TRAILER PARK

Counter Petitions Filed In Hagar

By ALAN AREND

Staff Writer

Two sets of petitions, one in favor and the other in opposition to a proposed 45-unit mobile home park on US-33 at Maple lane in Hagar township, were presented to the township's zoning board last night.

Seeking a special use permit from the zoning board to create the park in 85 acres of a potential 120-130 acre site is the Consumers Construction Co., headed by Jack Kinney of the Consumers Asphalt Co.

Kinney presented petitions to the board following a 20-minute presentation explaining the plans for the mobile home park. Approximately 50 residents were on hand at the meeting.

A petition signed by residents

in opposition to the mobile home park was presented to the board by Atty. Harold Klute of Niles.

Kinney said his petition contained names of all adjacent property owners to the proposed site. Atty. Klute said his petition had 144 signatures, representing people living within a 2,500-foot distance of the proposed site. He estimated that the petition had signatures of 85 per cent of all property owners in the area.

Erich Kerlikowski, chairman of the zoning board, said signatures on both petitions would have to be examined and verified for their accuracy and legality before further action could be taken.

He said he doubted a public

hearing on the matter could be held for at least 30 days.

Atty. Klute asked for a "serious cross-checking of signatures" on the two petitions.

LETTER RECEIVED

Edward Broderick, township supervisor said after the meeting in the town hall at Riverside that he had also received a letter of opposition to the mobile park Monday from the Coloma school board.

Kerlikowski said the zoning board would make a trip to view the mobile home park, near the Mattawan exit of I-94 next week. Kinney said the proposed mobile home park for the Hagar township would be similar, but "better" than the one near Mattawan.

In other action, the board:

- Unanimously approved and referred to the township board a proposed ordinance requiring the condemnation or improvement of unsafe or unsightly buildings.

- Referred to the building inspector a complaint from the Lake Michigan Beach fire department that old cars parked on property opposite the fire station are hindering access to the station.

- Asked the township board to take legal action to secure the removal of junk cars on the Joe Poledna property, US-33, near Lake Michigan Beach. The

zoning board earlier gave notice for removal of the cars.

- Instructed the building inspector to review application for trailers parked on private property. Permits are granted only under special circumstances and must be renewed annually.

- Referred Lee Hart to the county health department and the township building inspector for assistance in his request to improve buildings at corner of Bundy road and Central avenue. The buildings have been condemned by the county for delapidation and poor sanitary conditions.

BH Board Opposes Fairplain Transfer

Benton Harbor board of education voted unanimously last night to authorize the administration and legal counsel to appear at a March 17 hearing and oppose transfer of West Fairplain to St. Joseph district.

Treasurer Oliver Rector noted that such decision become far removed from the people when they are eventually decided on a state level. He repeated an earlier call for "a blue ribbon committee to look at all problems of the district and come up with recommendations that people will support."

The Benton Harbor board is on record as opposing transfers because they fragment the district. The St. Joseph board also is on record against transfer of West Fairplain from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph. The County Intermediate board hearing will be held at Lakeshore high school.

COMPLAINT DISMISSED

In other matters: Robert Payne, assistant superintendent for personnel, informed the board that the Michigan Civil Rights Commission has dropped a complaint

filed by teacher Arnold Smith as a result of his transfer from senior high to an elementary school in 1968. Smith, who is white, alleged the transfer was because of his involvement with the black community. Payne said the commission found no discrimination, and the transfer was legal under contract.

The board learned that the county election commission has approved a request for a millage election April 26 and issued the official "call" for a vote on that date. President Lester Page said the amount of millage will be determined as "promptly as possible." Millage of 14.85 expired last year.

Page announced the seating of two new board members — students John Hausler and Jack Graham — selected by a vote of senior high students. Page said they have the same right to speak on issues as any board member but are prohibited by state law from voting. Hausler attended last night's meeting while Graham did not.

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED

A pilot breakfast program to

feed all students at Boynton elementary school was authorized. It is contingent on receiving free food from the state and volunteer help to avoid cost to the school district. Raymond Sreboth said that along with commodities, the district also will receive 15 cents a meal under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

Breakfasts are to start March 22 and run for the balance of the school year. The board instructed a report on the results, hopeful that a balanced breakfast will produce better grades and attendance. The program will be voluntary for students.

Five negotiating teams were approved for future contracts: Teachers — Payne, chief negotiator; Robert Smith, Rod Halstad, John Watson, Elliott Nunez. Custodial-maintenance — Payne, chief; Ed Troffer, Don Reed, Harold Beebe, Bus Drivers — Payne, chief, Ben Mammima, Don Reed, Gaylord Caszatt. Secretarial-clerical — Darrel Jacobs, chief; John Cooper, Mary Buesing,

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OUTLINES PLAN: Jack Kinney, president of Consumers Construction Co., outlines plans for proposed mobile home park he hopes to build on US-33, at Maple lane and Zoschke road in Hagar township. Kinney made his presentation before members of the Hagar township zoning board and about 50 residents last night. (Staff photo)

They See Award As Challenge

Twin Cities Chamber Accredited

"In accepting this award, we know we are accepting a challenge," President Walter Laetz said as the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce received certificate of accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The certificate was presented at a meeting hosted by the Twin Cities Rotary club yesterday at the St. Joseph Elks lodge. Over 200 persons were present.

The challenge Laetz said is to continue the work we have started and a challenge to make sure we don't let down our guard. This is not a permanent award, Laetz said. It is one that has to be reviewed every five years, he said.

"You can be sure your Chamber's board of directors has made up its mind to continue the work done in the past and improve in the future."

"We recognize our role of leadership in the community. We have problems and we will work for their solution," Laetz said.

Within a month, Laetz said, the chamber will announce its program for the year and its five-year goals.

The presentation was made by Charles H. Smith, Jr., chairman of the board of SICFO, Industries, Inc., of Cleveland, and vice president of United States Chamber of Commerce. He noted that there are about 2,700 chambers affiliated in the national federation, that 534 have filed applications for accreditation and only 181 have been accepted.

"CHANGING ROLE"

He noted the "changing role" of chambers in job training, modernization of local government, educational improvements, pollution, housing, annexation, zoning, building codes, community planning, crime prevention and control, drug abuse, human relations and many others.

"Chambers already accredited have noted their new status gives prestige in the community, pride in membership, realistic program of work, greater participation of members, challenge to improve and membership development," he said.

Smith, chairman of the labor relations committee of the U.S. chamber asked, "What has happened to the theory that the free market would curb rising prices as demand falls?"

The answer he said: is simply that one important segment of our free economy is not free, not subject to the discipline of the free market — the monopoly of organized labor.

The powerful monopolies that are our present labor unions today should cause some re-evaluation of the concept that organized labor should be exempt of all our anti-monopoly legislation, he said.

In the marketplace, Smith warned, we are returning to a colonial trade policy — that we are exporting raw materials and importing finished goods. By far the largest single factor in the cost of production is the cost of labor — 70 to 80 per cent, he said. The advantages of a decade ago have disappeared, Smith said.

He concluded: "No market is safe, at home or abroad, unless and until we solve the problem of the extreme differential in cost between the labor cost per unit in the U. S. and the labor cost per unit in most other industrial countries."

Anderson Resigns As SJ School Administrator

Board Confirms Fairplain Transfer Opposition

St. Joseph board of education last night accepted the resignation of Doyle R. Anderson, assistant superintendent for instruction since 1968.

Anderson asked his resignation be effective June 30 and added his future plans are pending.

In other matters, the board: • Confirmed its original position in opposition to proposed transfer of West Fairplain from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school districts to be presented at a hearing March 17 at Lakeshore high school.

• Discussed the possible application of an expelled Benton Harbor high school senior seeking assignment by the probate judge to a guardian living in St. Joseph school district and thus be eligible to attend St. Joseph high school.

• Heard Business Manager Dennis Percy outline capital fund situation which could lead

to a vote to return excess funds to the general fund.

- Accepted "with regret" the resignation of Jon Schuster, assistant high school principal and athletic director, previously announced as going to Lakeshore as high school principal.

Anderson said: "In reflection, I would now only hope that my work in the district would reveal a better instructional program for children than when I came. There are so many fine things to be said about education in the St. Joseph Public Schools. I shall always consider it a pleasure to have been a part of the program. At this time future plans are pending."

Dr. Dean K. Ray, school board president, said "you have made a real contribution to the school program and certainly we wish you well."

EXPRESSES REGRET

The board granted Schuster release from his contract by

April 12 to take principalship of Lakeshore high school. Dr. Ray said: "I think we should accept this resignation with regret."

"Jon, we are extremely sorry to have you leave us," Dr. Ray continued "in the years you have been here you have certainly contributed as a teacher, as an administrator, and certainly our loss is your next employer's gain."

Schools Supt. Richard Ziehmer outlined procedure for the hearing on petitions of West Fairplain residents to transfer from the Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school district.

Details will be covered by a member of the county intermediate school district's administrative staff, the petitioners are to give a statement, then the affected boards are asked to make a statement.

CONFIRMS STAND
The St. Joseph school board decided to stand by an earlier

statement by Ziehmer opposing the transfer.

Ziehmer said Art Hoover, chairman of the citizens advisory council, had agreed to make a statement on behalf of the council which Ziehmer said "would throw additional weight" in backing the St. Joseph district's position in opposing the transfer.

LAW IS READ

Ziehmer read the state law on enrolling pupils who have been assigned by courts to a guardian living in the St. Joseph school district. Rodney Rhodes, a senior at Benton Harbor high until his expulsion for allegedly participating in a riot last January, is seeking Probate Court assignment to a guardian living in St. Joseph.

Ziehmer said any senior enrolling in the last quarter would not graduate from St. Joseph high school but would

receive a letter covering his work that semester so it could be referred to his previous school.

Ziehmer says the law says "we shall admit them (persons assigned to legal guardians in St. Joseph school district.)"

REVIEWS STATUS

Percy reviewed for the board the status of capital funds over the past few years. The district's building and site fund revenues could total as much as \$130,000 including \$50,000 for the Gard school property, \$25,000 reimbursement for a sewage disposal unit installed at Upton Junior high school and various other funds.

Percy said he could not forecast how much money would be left after buying equipment, paying current bills, etc. but whatever it might be — possibly \$40,000 to \$50,000 — could be transferred to the

general fund by a vote of the people.

Ziehmer said the outline of building and site funds was extremely complicated and represented considerable work by the business manager.

OTHER ACTION

In other action the board learned the district will probably lose \$67,000 in state aid for the current year.

- Approved a proposed budget of \$4,279,000 sent to the county tax allocation board, considered a formality.

- Raised salaries of principals \$800 for next year.

- Authorized Atty. Myron Wolcott to oppose the bid by American Society of Agricultural Engineers to gain tax exempt status.

- Postponed action on a suspension and expulsion policy.
- Heard the district will host a hearing on "common goals for



DOYLE R. ANDERSON

Michigan education" March 22 at Upton Junior high school.

- Received \$439.54 as a result of a 1966 price-fixing suit against Harper & Row, textbook publishers.

- And confirmed Gene Hellman, Richard Ziebart and William Lange to the advisory council.

Dads Haled Into Court

One Benton Harborite Monday drew a six-month jail term for falling behind in child support and another was ordered to pay off a \$54.50 arrearage at \$11 weekly, according to the Berrien friend of the court.

Judge Karl F. Zick of Berrien circuit court ordered Wilburn Randolph, 26, of 488 North Winans street, jailed for failing to pay \$1,597.50 behind in support for an illegitimate child who started on ADC in February, according to John Schoenhals, friend of the court.

Randolph may reappear before the judge for further disposition if he works out a support and repayment plan with Schoenhals.

Judge Zick found Willie Lee Dale in contempt of court for failing \$554.50 behind in support for an illegitimate child on ADC. Schoenhals reported. Dale was ordered to pay \$7.50 weekly support and \$2.50 weekly on maternity expenses plus \$1 weekly on the arrearage.

BUCHANAN

Sewage Project Picks Up Speed

BUCHANAN — Buchanan's lagging \$1,439,800 sewage plant expansion project gained momentum last night with confirmation that increases in federal and state grants for the work, totaling \$325,320, have been approved.

Millage Vote Set At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — Residents here will be asked to renew a two-mill levy for school operations in the next three years in a special election already set for April 12.

The two mills would contribute about \$60,000 in tax revenue annually for the schools, now operating on a \$1.9 million budget. The district currently levies 20.95 mills, including the two mills.

Inspectors appointed for the election are Mrs. Barbara Casselman, chairman; Mrs. Paul Ballew; Mrs. Fred Fleming; Mrs. Arthur Herrbach; Mrs. Edward Ohime; Mrs. Stanley Kanger Sr. Alternates are Mrs. Emily Murray, and Mrs. Maurice Strandberg.

The board approved a three-year contract with the Niles Janitorial Service from Niles for \$35,350 the first year and three per cent increases in 1972 and 1973. The contract can be reviewed by the board on 60 days notice.

BOILER INSURANCE
The board voted to increase their boiler insurance from \$50,000 to \$250,000 for a three-year period.

The board voted to send out newsletters to residents in the districts several times each year to inform them of school decisions made by the board.

The board also voted a special meeting March 15 to review the new expulsion and suspension policy before the board acts on it.

Schroeter Victor In New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — Alvin Schroeter defeated incumbent Anton Carson and Edward Smithger here in a three-way race for the one office at stake Monday in the election here.

Schroeter polled 249 votes to Carson's 161 and Smithger's 50, for the three-year term on the city council. The three sought the posts on the non-partisan label as required by city charter.

Schroeter, 36, is a sewage treatment plant operator for Buchanan city. He is a lifelong New Buffalo resident. He worked for the city for 15 years before going to work in Buchanan.



ALVIN SCHROETER

Three Oaks Votes For Liquor Sales

THREE OAKS — The sales of liquor by the glass in licensed establishments here was approved 153 to 84, and a new president was named Monday in the village election.

Keith Gridley, a veteran councilman, was elected president, replacing James M. Hausmann, who had served a total of nine years on the council, six of those as village president.

Hausmann did not seek re-election. The liquor issue, as approved, will allow the dispensing of spirits (liquor) in drinks at licensed taverns so authorized.

A similar proposal was approved by Three Oaks township voters a few years earlier, but this is the first time the issue has appeared before village voters.

Gridley, a Republican running unopposed, received 211 votes out of a total of 243 cast.

Others elected without opposition and the votes they received:

Mrs. Gertrude Miller, clerk, 213; Herbert J. Flick, treasurer, 212; Charles H. Vollman, assessor, 203; and Trustees Chester Decker, 197; Reynold Koze, 205, and Gerald Nye, 200.

All but Gridley and Nye are incumbents. Lawrence Grover, sticker candidate, received 22 write-in votes for one of the three council posts.

Galien Voters OK Liquor-By-Glass

GALIEN — Village voters approved sale of liquor by the glass in licensed dealerships within the village Monday, 70 to 29.

Approval was sought by a group of persons who petitioned the village council to place the issue before voters at the annual election. Seventy persons signed the petitions, according to village officials.

Also decided in Monday's election were races for the treasurer's position and the assessor's office, held by the husband-wife team of Violet and Incel Swem, both Republicans.

Mrs. Swem retained the treasurer's office, defeating Democrat challenger Mrs. Shirley Roberts, 55 to 38. Swem beat Eldon Brewer, also a Democrat, 54 to 40.

Elected without formal opposition were Robert James Sr., Democrat, president, with 85 votes; Mrs. Linda Doyle, Democrat, clerk, with 86 votes; and council trustees, Raymond Backus, with 86 votes; Jack Canfield, with 84 and Paul Warner with 82, all Democrats.

Two persons, Backus and a Robert Foster received one write-in vote each on the Republican ticket for village president. A John Gowland, received one write-in vote for a trustee position.

A total of 100 votes were cast with six ballots spoiled.

With the approvals, the city also received confirmation that the Michigan Finance Commission has authorized the city to issue general obligation bonds totaling \$650,000. The bonds are to cover the city's share of the project cost.

The commission called a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. March 23 at which to sell the bonds.

The city had delayed the sale pending approval from the finance commission and approval of the new federal and state grants. The grants amount to about 55 per cent of the costs of the state ordered project.

A contract for the work was awarded to the Solitt Construction Co., South Bend, in December, but held in abeyance pending the new financing. The firm's bid amounted to \$1,265,952, well over the original cost estimates and triggered the re-financing.

In addition to the construction pact, project costs involved \$106,340 for technical services; \$31,670 for legal and fiscal costs; \$6,330 for administration and \$25,568 for contingencies.

In other action last night the city commission appointed CPA Martin Fischal, Berrien Springs, to audit the 1970-71 fiscal accounts.

Commissioners also approved the final reading of an ordinance revision which incorporates recent updating in the uniform traffic code.

Treasurer Raymond Suabedissen was authorized to attend the annual convention of the Municipal Finance Officers Association May 31 to June 3 in New York.

Eau Claire Picks GOP Councilman

EAU CLAIRE — Voters here Monday replaced incumbent Trustee Robert Taylor with a newcomer in village politics, Frank James, giving the council its only Republican member.

Four men had sought the available three two-year trusteeships. The voting was Caswell Crowder, D-Inc., 43 votes; James, R, 29 votes; Billy Durham, D, 27 votes; and Taylor, D-Inc., 22 votes.

In addition there were seven write-in candidates; 16 votes for Richard Boverman, 10 for Claude Street, 7 for Franklin Jackson, and one each for Charles Bingham, Vernon Krugh, Dave Walker and George Sharp.

OTHERS UNOPPOSED
All other candidates were without opposition on the ballot, but nearly all drew write-in competition.

Village President Marvin LaVanway, D, was re-elected with 33 votes. Write-in activity gave 8 votes to Franklin Jackson, 6 for George Sharp and 1 for Claude Street.

Mrs. Margaret Krugh, D-Inc., was re-elected to the clerk's post without even write-in opposition. She got 45 votes.

For the treasurer post, Peggy LaVanway, D-Inc., received 47 votes, and Coral Miner got one write-in vote.

Top vote getter was Kenneth Karn, D, incumbent assessor, who drew 50 votes. Larry Skinner got 2 write-in votes.

License Plate Sales Down In Michigan In '71

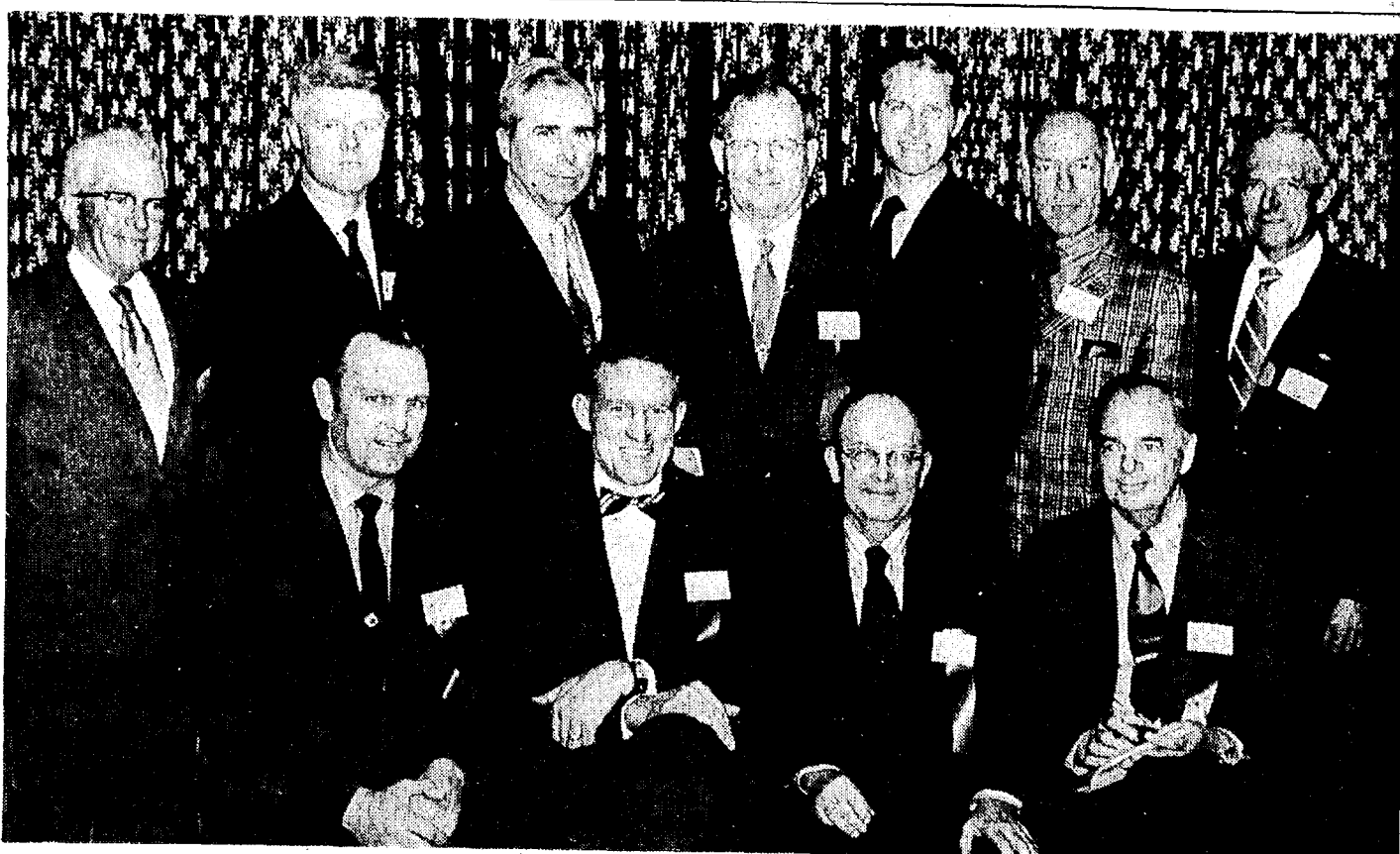
LANSING (AP) — The Department of State reports some 2.69 million 1971 license plates have been sold so far this year, down some 68,000 from the 2.72 million sold at the same date last year. The deadline to have the license plates on automobiles is March 31.

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DFTA BOARD MEMBERS: Board members and officers of the Fruit Tree Association meeting at the Ramada Inn for the annual DFTA conference yesterday and today are, from left, seated: Wallace Heuser, treasurer, Hartford; Ken McDonald, president, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Richard Mattern, vice president, Holidaysburg, Pa.; and Robert Carlson, secretary, East Lansing. Board

members standing from left are: Lorne J. Doud Wabash, Ind.; John Bell Jr., Barrington, Ill.; George Whaley, Ontario, Canada; Henry Bennett, Geneva, N.Y.; Jerry Sietsema, Grand Rapids; Albert Tencycle, Brodhead, Wis.; and Gordon Yates, La Crescent, Minn. (Staff photo)

ORCHARD OUTPUT CAN DOUBLE

Dwarf Fruit Tree Ideas Detailed

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Members of the Dwarf Fruit Tree association were told Monday that by adopting new planting systems, taking the time to prune correctly and by selecting the best rootstocks they can double the output of their orchards.

Dr. Donald McKenzie, head of the fruit tree research station at Havelock North, New Zealand, described phenomenal

yields from dwarf fruit trees when care in orchard management is taken.

HIGH YIELDS
Speaking before approximately 300 members of the DFTA's annual conference at the Ramada Inn, Benton Harbor, McKenzie said that yields as high as 3,800 bushels per acre have been obtained from dwarf apple trees in New Zealand. His audience was comprised of growers and research horticulturists from across the U.S. and Canada.

Although dwarf fruit trees have been around for quite some time their presence in North America has only become evident to a great extent in the past decade.

The advantages of dwarf trees over standard trees are so numerous, however, that very few growers consider planting anything but dwarfs today, various other speakers indicated Monday.

McKenzie said that changing the tree shape from an open-center to a center-leader, semi-intensive planting, (250 trees per acre) has resulted in phenomenal yields of high quality fruit. "Malling Merton 106 has been our outstanding rootstock in New Zealand apple orchards," he said.

"In the center-leader system, we've opened the trees out and reduced the number of leaders to four for each tier," McKenzie said. "The trees resemble Christmas trees."

He advised growers to move away from old standard orchards to semi-dwarf systems by converting or phasing out the old orchards.

Dr. Ronald Tukey, Washington State university horticulturist, advised growers that "the name of the game is profit" and proper pruning techniques can produce substantial net profit.

Tukey is the son of Dr. H.B. Tukey, former head of Michigan State university's department of horticulture and one of the original promoters of dwarf rootstocks in the U.S.

Tukey lashed out against what he termed "haphazard" pruning techniques being used by

growers in "what they think is an effort to save money and improve profits."

GREATER PROFIT
He cited records taken from Washington state apple growers, which proved otherwise. "Although it may cost more to prune properly, it will pay off in a greater net profit to the grower in the long run, since proper pruning methods produce higher yields and high quality fruit."

In other speeches at the DFTA meeting Monday:
• Al Kenworthy, MSU horticulturist, discussed fruit growing and trickle irrigation in the Holy Land.
• John Mowat, Adrian

grower, spoke on quality fruit direct to the consumer from compact trees.

• Dr. Roy C. Rom, University of Arkansas horticulturist and W.S. Carpenter, district extension agent at Paw Paw, discussed the effects of herbicides on the growth of dwarf trees.

• And a panel of Michigan district extension agents discussed the present status of dwarf fruit tree plantings in Michigan.

Additional speeches were scheduled at the Ramada Inn, this morning during the conference's final day of activity. A tour of Hill Top Orchards, Hartford, was scheduled to take place in the afternoon.

Lawrence Defeats Liquor-By-Glass

LAWRENCE — A proposal to sell liquor-by-the-glass was defeated by voters in Monday's election here while seven unopposed candidates were elected to office.

The referendum on sale of liquor by the glass, in addition to beer and wine, was defeated by four votes, 85 yes and 89 no. The same question was voted down by voters in 1967.

Those elected and the votes they received:

President M. J. Conklin - D, 144 votes; Clerk Mrs. Laureale Duncan - R, 154; Treasurer Clarence Lubbers - R, 146; and Assessor Lewellyn Bowen - R, 146.

Trustees Glen C. Thomsen - R, 121; Eugene Carr - R, 118; Mrs. Lyle Sanborn, 118.

Incumbent trustees George Dillenbeck, Jr., and Melvin Brown did not seek re-election.

Petition Asks End To 'Open Campus'

SOUTH HAVEN — A petition calling on the school board to end an open campus policy was presented last night during the board's regular meeting.

The petition, which contained 159 signatures, urged the board to end the policy of allowing junior and senior class members to leave the building during study periods and their lunch hour.

The board in January adopted the program on an experimental basis. It is to be evaluated at the end of the current marking period which is over March 24.

The petition did not specify exact reasons for the demand to end the policy. The board accepted the petitions and said it would hear it when evaluating the program.

In other action, the board accepted the resignations of Mrs. Blanche Earl, Mrs. Virginia Shappee, Mrs. Margaret Veitman, and Miss Gaile Weber, effective at end of school year.

Heart Funds Are Slashed

DETROIT (AP) — A \$50,000 slash will be made in funds for heart disease research because the Michigan Heart Association is to receive less money from the Michigan United Fund, the heart association has announced.

The united fund trimmed its contributions to a number of member agencies this year.

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high school after recent racial disturbances there.

One student, who was not identified, appeared with him to make the request.

The board said the decision was made because of overcrowded conditions in Covert high school and because, "we've had to expel some of our own students for less serious of-

fenses."

In other business the board: Appointed Tony Sarno, F. B. Hoffacker, Mrs. Christina Smith, Mrs. Betty Johnson, Charles Young and John Clayton as the election board for the special April 5 election.

Hired Mrs. Sandra Young, Covert and Mrs. Catherine Dehn of South Haven as kindergarten teachers and Mrs. Bertha Irwin, Mrs. Joan Wick, Miss Dorothy Lloyd and Mrs. Pauline McGuire, as teacher aides.

Retained the auditing firm of Den Brober, Helmsoldt and Lyzenga of Grand Rapids for another year.

Congratulated the Covert Bulldog's basketball team for its district basketball tournament victory.

Heard a report that tax collections to date are \$668,981.05.

Named the Citizen Trust and Savings of South Haven and the Michigan National bank of Battle Creek as depositories for school monies.